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Sunnymede Gardens



“The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth;
One is nearer God’s heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.”

Mrs. WILLIAM EDWIN CLARK
SHARON, MASS.

INTRODUCTION

MY INTEREST IN IRISES began fifteen years ago when Mrs. Horace Mann Willard, who bought the old Josiah Quincy home, sent me a box of plants from that famous old estate. Among them were several roots of different Irises, including Siberian Orientalis, Snow Queen, and Blue King. The Siberian have never ceased to be my favorites among Irises, and the most gorgeous and beautiful sight at Sunnymede is the three long rows, each two hundred and fifty feet long, extending the whole length of the grape pergola, in masses of purple and masses of white. From year to year I added to my collection of Bearded Irises, exchanging with my friends. As the years went by and we improved the gardens at Sunnymede, we decided to plant a formal garden. Then came the question, "What kind of a garden?" Roses required too much spraying and pruning. A rock garden would not look well in the large space we had planned, and peonies bloom but a short time. At last we decided to have an Iris garden, so we wrote to Mr. Bertrand H. Farr, who is considered one of the most prominent men in Iris culture. The President of the American Iris Society says of Mr. Farr, "For whatever development the Iris has reached in America today is due more to Mr. Bertrand H. Farr than to any man or group of men." So we asked him to make us a plan for an Iris garden which would bloom at least five months of the year. He sent us a plan made especially for Sunnymede, and we bought our stock of him and set out our garden. The garden is eighty feet long by twenty-five feet wide. It is divided into four beds by walks. The main walk is six feet wide and the short central walks are four feet wide. The center is designed for a pool, but as I have a water garden some distance

from the house and plenty large enough to cultivate all the Water Irises I need, I decided to have a bird bath or a few seats in the center of the garden in place of the pool. The four beds contain over one hundred varieties of Iris. These include the best new varieties as well as the best of the older varieties. In order to make the garden of greater beauty the plan includes some masses of perennials and bulbs, as Clove Pinks, Delphinium (Larkspur), Day Lilies, Astilbe, Purple Rudbeckia, several colors of Phlox and Gladioli. The garden is in color the whole season. The Dwarf Irises, ranging in height from five inches to eighteen, begin to blossom in April and continue into May. Then the Intermediate come into bloom until the Tall Bearded commence. These bloom through the month of June. In the meantime the Siberian flash into great masses of color. Last but not least are the exquisite Iris Kaempferi, or Japanese Iris. The plan of this garden, together with a photograph of the garden in bloom, the roots of the perennials and Irises which it contains, about five hundred and forty plants and bulbs, I will sell for \$150. The plan will be numbered and each plant root will have a corresponding number to the plan and also a numbered list. This will show exactly where each plant should go as arranged by the Landscape Architect. My surplus stock is now ready for sale and I have a good sized nursery and have an expert gardener to care for the plants.

BEARDED IRIS

Farr's Seedlings

		Each
Chester Hunt	<i>Rich Shaded Blues</i>	\$.75
Hiawatha	<i>Lavender, Rose, Royal Purple</i>	.75
Hugo	<i>Violet and Purple</i>	.75
*Iroquois	<i>Smoky Lavender and Maroon</i>	.75
*James Boyd	<i>Light Blue and Violet</i>	.50
Quaker Lady	<i>Pastel shades (lovely)</i>	.75
Red Cloud	<i>Wine colored</i>	.75
Rose Unique	<i>Beautiful Pink</i>	.75
Massasoit	<i>Venetian Blue</i>	.50
*Minnehaha		1.00
Navajo	<i>Bronze Yellow and Deep Maroon</i>	1.00
*Pauline	<i>Rich Pansy Violet</i>	.50
Paxatawney	<i>Violet diffused with Yellow</i>	.75
Tecumseh	<i>Buff and Smoky Violet</i>	.35
Wyomissing	<i>Soft Rose</i>	.75



Tall and Showy

		Each
Iris King	<i>Lemon-Yellow and Maroon Bordered Yellow</i>	\$.50
Jacquesiana	<i>Bronze, like parchment</i>	.50
Lohengrin	<i>Soft Rose</i>	.50
Loreley	<i>Light Yellow and Deep Blue</i>	.35
La Tendresse	<i>Clear Lavender Blue</i>	.35
Mithras	<i>Light Yellow and Wine Red</i>	.35
*Pallida Dalmatica	<i>Lavender and Blue</i>	.35
Pallida Speciosa	<i>Muck like Pallida Dalmatica; more vigorous grower</i>	1.00
Prosper Laugier	<i>Light Bronze Red and Ruby Purple. Very handsome</i>	.75
Princess Victoria Louise	<i>Yellow and Plum</i>	.50
Trojana	<i>Blue and Purple</i>	.25
*Porcelaine	<i>Beautiful Blue</i>	1.00

*Not for sale this year

BEARDED IRIS

		Each
Albert Victor	<i>Blue and Lavender</i>	\$.20
Black Prince	<i>Violet</i>	.25
Black Knight	<i>Deep Violet Blue</i>	1.50
Bridesmaid	<i>Very Handsome</i>	.25
Brittannicus	<i>Pale Lavender and Blue</i>	.25
Ciengialti Zephyr	<i>Blue Lilac</i>	.35
Chaldonia	<i>Lavender and Blue</i>	.25
Charles Dickens	<i>Blue</i>	.25
Chameleon	<i>Bright Blue shaded Violet</i>	.50
Charmant	<i>Blue — Intermediate</i>	.35
Dalmarius	<i>Gray Blue and Violet Brown</i>	.25
Flavescens	<i>Light Yellow</i>	.20
Florentina Alba	<i>Lavender White</i>	.20
Fro	<i>Deep Gold and Chestnut Brown</i>	.50
Glory of Hillegom	<i>Clear Light Blue</i>	.35
Her Majesty	<i>Pink</i>	.35
Innocenzer	<i>White</i>	.20
Kharput	<i>Velvet Violet Purple</i>	.25
Khedive	<i>Soft Lavender, Orange Beard</i>	.20
May Queen	<i>Large Pink</i>	.20
Mrs. H. Darwin	<i>White</i>	.20
Mrs. Newbronne	<i>Deep Yellow</i>	.35
Mme. Pacquette	<i>Not for sale</i>	
Nationale	<i>Two shades of Blue</i>	.25
Purple King	<i>Purple</i>	.35
Rubella	<i>Rose, Lilac, and Purple</i>	.20
Sultane	<i>Clear Blue, washed White</i>	.25
Honorabilis	<i>Yellow and Brown</i>	.20

BEARDED IRIS

Dwarf Species

These begin to flower in April and extend into the season of the Tall Bearded Irises. Their blossoms are as large as the latter but the stems are shorter. They consist of the Crimean, Alpine Hybrids, and Pumila species.

	Dwarf Iris	Each
Blanche	<i>Cream and Pale Yellow</i>	\$.35
Bluebeard	<i>White, Pale Blue, and Sulphur</i>	.20
Blue Stone	<i>Purple and Blue</i>	.25
Citrea	<i>Pale Yellow</i>	.25
Cyanea	<i>Large, handsome Blue</i>	.20
Ditton Purple	<i>Free Bloomer</i>	.35
Libra	<i>Blue and Purple. Showy</i>	.35
Eburna	<i>White, shaded Cream</i>	.20
Lutescens Statellae	<i>White and Primrose</i>	.20
Miss H. M. White	<i>Sulphur Flaked Purple</i>	.25
Niobe	<i>Blue</i>	.25
Orange Queen		.25
Snow Cup	<i>New, large flowering variety</i>	.50
Standard	<i>Violet and Plum Purple</i>	.25
Socrates	<i>Claret, very handsome</i>	.25

SIBERIAN IRIS

These are very beautiful for massing. Fine for cut flowers. Will grow in damp or dry places. Blossom late in June and into July.

	Each	Per Doz.	Per 100
Orientalis Snow Queen	\$.30	\$3.00	\$10.00
Orientalis Blue King	.25	2.50	10.00
Siberica Lactea	.35	3.50	

RATES

For all Bearded Irises the dozen price is ten times the price of one. Not less than six sold on these terms.

GLADIOLI

I have a very fine assortment of Gladiolus Bulbs. The seedlings of Mr. EUGENE N. FISCHER are my choicest bulbs.

Sunnymede, an exquisite new variety, is beautiful for landscape effects. My Dr. R. T. Jackson (Fischer) won second prize from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, August 15, 1921, as second best Crimson. My Primulinus Priscilla (Fischer) won first prize as best Primulinus Hybrid of one vase — ten spikes — from the New England Gladiolus Society, 1921, and first prize at the Mansfield Gladiolus Association Exhibition, 1921.

My Mrs. Frederick Peters (Fischer) won a first premium at the same exhibition (Mansfield) and my Henry C. Goehl (Fischer) won prizes at Mansfield and also at the New England Gladiolus Society Exhibit, Boston, 1921. Sophie Fischer and Mrs. Wm. E. Clark are both beautiful pink gladioli, hybridized by Mr. Fischer.

The following list contains bulbs
raised at Sunnymede and are
all vigorous and strong.
Orders taken Fall or Spring.

S U N N Y M E D E . G A R D E N S

GLADIOLI · 1921-1922

		Each	Per Doz.
Canary Queen(Kunderd)	<i>Light Yellow</i>	\$.25	\$2.50
Crimson Glow(Betscher)	<i>Wonderful Red</i>	.75	7.50
Mrs. Wm. E. Clark (Fischer)	<i>Beautiful Shell Pink</i> <i>Crimson Blotch Red</i>	.75	7.50
Dominion(Red Emperor)	<i>Red</i>	.25	2.50
Miss Helen Franklin	<i>White</i>	.25	2.50
Miss Sophie Fischer (Fischer)	<i>Pink with Blotch</i>	.75	7.50
No. 188 (Fischer)	<i>Light Red Salmon</i> <i>with Blotch</i>	.15	1.50
No. 274 (Fischer)	<i>Light Red with Scar-</i> <i>let Blotch</i>	.15	1.50
No. 282 (Fischer)	<i>Warm Salmon</i>	.15	1.50
Henry C. Goehl(Fischer)	<i>Pure White, Red Blotch</i>	.60	6.00
Herada	<i>Mauve</i>	.25	2.50
Dr. R. T. Jackson (Fischer)	<i>Deep rich Crimson</i>	50	5.00
Evelyn Kirtland	<i>Rose</i>	.30	3.00
Le Maréchal Foch(Dutch)	<i>Pink (very large)</i>	1.00	10.00
Mr. Mark	<i>Blue</i>	.20	2.00
Mona Lisa (Kunderd)	<i>Light Pink (ruffled)</i>	.75	7.50
Mrs. Frank Pendleton (Kunderd)	<i>Pink with Blotch</i>	.10	1.00
Mrs. Fredk. C. Peters (Fischer)	<i>Pink</i>	1.00	10.00
Panama	<i>Pink</i>	.10	1.00
Peace	<i>White</i>	.10	1.00
Pearl	<i>Pink</i>	.10	1.00
Primilinus Priscilla Alden (Fischer)	<i>Salmon and Yellow</i>	.20	2.50
Primilinus Prima Donna (Fischer)	<i>Yellow</i>	.25	2.50
Sunnymede (Fischer)	<i>Rare shade Orange</i> <i>Yellow, Red Blotch</i>	.75	7.50
War	<i>Red</i>	.20	2.00
Yellow Hammer	<i>Beautiful pale Yellow</i>	.15	1.50
Sunnymede Mixture			1.00

MRS. WILLIAM EDWIN CLARK

Sunnymede

Walpole Street, Sharon, Mass.



NOTE

*Walpole Street connects
South Main Street, Sharon, with
Common Street, Walpole Center*

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